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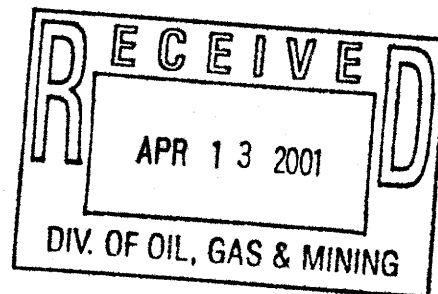
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SUBJECT: Revised Large Mine Plane - Basin Pearlite Corporation - Pearl Queen Mine
M/001/027
State Identification Number: 01-589

Dear Mr. Munson:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. The Division of Water Rights comments:

Although water use is not mentioned on State Action form, it appears that the activities to be undertaken will entail such. We are particularly concerned about the amount of water to be used in mine reclamation and any associated domestic uses. The applicant needs to contact our regional office in Cedar City to discuss their water needs and to ensure they have sufficient water rights to cover those uses.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee at the above address or call Judy Edwards at (801) 538-1153 or John Harja at (801) 538-1559.

Sincerely,

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Dear Tom:

Re Public Notice on Permit Revision, Basin Perlite Corporation, Pearl Queen Perlite Mine, M/001/027, Beaver County, Utah.

I received your package in the mail with correspondence and reports about the Pearl Queen Perlite Mine. In review of the survey report, I was pleased to find that they had identified the primary quarry sites "L-10" and the reduction loci, and that they are considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion D.

In review of Data Recovery Plan for a Prehistoric Obsidian Lithic Procurement Site (42Be2126) in the Mineral Mountains, Beaver County, Utah, by Keith R. Montgomery, I have serious reservations:


*On page 6, there is a discussion about use of obsidian hydration methods for relative chronology assessment of sites, nowhere in the document is it addressed that such studies will be conducted or how they would be applied.

*While the document has much discussion about technological analyses, and identifies that only in-field analyses will be conducted, nowhere does it say who will be doing the in-field analysis and what their training and qualifications are. The technological analysis issue could be alleviated by collecting the items that are analyzed so that future replication of the analysis could be made.

*The document specifies that if subsurface stratified deposits are identified, these are not described. In areas that have been quarried, it is often difficult to recognize situations where numerous reductions have occurred in one locality and how they relate to one another vertically. What procedures are planned to deal with this potential problem?

Considering that I was notified last night by Jay Gatten that Montgomery Archaeological Consulting will be in transit to Bailey Ridge today to implement their data recovery plan, I wanted to get you these comments as quickly as possible. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Mari Pritchard Parker.

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